

Community Project Funding requests

- Subcommittee on Homeland Security:
 - The Gerald R Ford Airport Emergency Operations Center
 - Requested \$1,379,606
 - Recipient: Gerald R Ford International Airport Authority
 - Recipient address: 5500 44th St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Gerald R. Ford International Airport Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The project sponsor for this project is the Gerald R. Ford International Airport Authority, located at 5500 44th St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512.

The funding is designated to help build an enhanced EOC facility that will correct space deficiencies, increase functionality, and improve hazard resistance. This will include an increase in security to protect and build redundancies for emergency communications, operations, access control, video management and emergency management. It will be sustainable, secure, strategically located, and includes a fully interoperable EOC for leadership to coordinate in the event of an emergency.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: The enhanced EOC at the airport will be able to provide a facility for airport specific incidents as well as law enforcement, TSA and FBI partners to gather and coordinate in the event of terrorism activity, security incidents and/or to support White House communications and secret service during presidential visits. As a mass transit hub for West Michigan this project will enhance a variety of areas at the Gerald R. Ford International Airport, including dispatch interoperability and EOC operations. Developing enhanced EOC capabilities will improve the quality and timeliness of the response to an emergency, reduce recovery time following an emergency, help the airport coordinate and manage operational expenses and assess impacts on the local economy when an emergency occurs.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Peter Meijer
Member of Congress
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